

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for providing a security feature for a browser window, comprising:
 - receiving a call to open the window;
 - determining a security level associated with the window; and
 - when the security level indicates that content within the window comes from a non-trusted source displaying the window with a security element that a user may view to determine that the content within the window comes from the non-trusted source.
2. The method of Claim 1, wherein the security level is selected from at least one non-trusted security level and at least one trusted security level.
3. The method of Claim 2, wherein determining the security level associated with the window further comprises determining the security level to be the non-trusted level when the user is navigating in at least one of the following zones: an Internet zone and a restricted zone.
4. The method of Claim 2, further comprising:
 - examining attributes associated with the call to open the window;
 - adjusting at least one of the attributes within the call such that the security element is displayed for the non-trusted security element; and
 - sending the modified call to open the window.
5. The method of Claim 4, wherein the security element is a status bar.
6. The method of Claim 5, wherein a zone is displayed within the status bar.

7. The method of Claim 5, wherein the security element further comprises a title bar.

8. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for providing a security feature for a browser window, the instructions comprising:
receiving a call to open the window, wherein the call includes parameters associated with attributes of the window;
parsing the parameters to locate at least one parameter associated with a security element that when displayed with the window indicates to the user that content within the window comes from a non-trusted source; and
adjusting the at least one located parameters such that the security element is displayed when the window is open.

9. The computer-readable medium of Claim 8, further comprising:
determining a security level associated with the window; and
when the security level indicates that content within the window comes from the non-trusted source adjusting the at least one located parameter.

10. The computer-readable medium of Claim 9, wherein the security level is selected from at least one non-trusted security level and at least one trusted security level.

11. The computer-readable medium of Claim 9, wherein determining the security level associated with the window further comprises determining the security level to be the non-trusted level when the user is navigating in at least one of the following zones: an Internet zone and a restricted zone.

12. The computer-readable medium of Claim 11, wherein the security element is a status bar.

13. The computer-readable medium of Claim 12, wherein a zone is displayed within the status bar.

14. The computer-readable medium of Claim 12, wherein the security element further comprises a title bar.

15. An apparatus for providing a security feature for a browser window, comprising:

- a processor and a computer-readable medium;
- an operating environment stored on the computer-readable medium and executing on the processor;
- a display; and
- an application operating under the control of the operating environment and operative to perform actions, including:
 - receiving a call to open the window, wherein the call includes a parameter associated with a status bar; and
 - adjusting the parameter associated with the status bar such that the status bar is displayed when the window is open.

16. The apparatus of Claim 15, further comprising:

- determining a security level associated with the window; and
- when the security level indicates that content within the window comes from a non-trusted source adjusting the parameter associated with the status bar.

17. The apparatus of Claim 16, wherein the security level is selected from at least one non-trusted security level and at least one trusted security level.

18. The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein determining the security level associated with the window further comprises determining the security level to be the non-trusted level when the user is navigating in at least one of the following zones: an Internet zone and a restricted zone.

19. The apparatus of Claim 16, wherein a zone is displayed within the status bar.
20. The apparatus of Claim 16, further comprising displaying a title bar.